

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Kevin Faulkner et al. )  
) Group Art Unit: 2165  
Application No.: 10/787,217 )  
) Examiner: Apu M. Mofiz  
Filed: February 27, 2004 )  
) Confirmation No.: 4697  
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR )  
PROVIDING A STORAGE )  
VIRTUALIZATION )  
ENVIRONMENT )

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 5, 2006, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow on page 10 of this paper.